

Amendment to the Specification:

Please amend the abstract on page 9 as follows:

ABSTRACT

Mobile phones now transmit video signals ~~to each other. Such video signals are transmitted at a relatively slow bit rates.~~ The signals transmitted are compressed using inter-frame prediction where sufficient similarity exists between successive picture frames. The receiver includes a decoder (18) which ~~aets to reconstitutes~~ the compressed signals received using signals stored on a buffer (22) ~~representing a previous picture frame.~~ A mode decision circuit (24) compares the signal at the output of the decoder (18) with the previous signal stored ~~in the buffer (22)~~ and using the same decision criterion as used for the original compression generates a signal which indicates that either the signal is suitable for inter-frame prediction or not. This signal is then compared ~~in a comparator (26)~~ with the signal from the encoder~~in the decoder (18)~~ indicating whether or not the current signal was inter-frame predicted or not. If equality is not detected, then an error may have taken place. Then, error concealment techniques are~~can be used to reduce the effects of the errors.~~